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From the Desk of the President



THREE OBJECTIVES

To be given the opportunity to serve you is a gift that I greatly appreciate. I owe so much to medicine and now I can repay it in some small way. I hope to maintain the same dignity and integrity that my predecessors in office have so ably displayed.

The officers and council that you have elected so wisely are of varied ethnic backgrounds, of varied ages, of varied specialties equally divided between the hospitals. They will do well. The editor whom I have appointed will be one of the youngest editors in the history of the Mahoning County Medical Society, yet I assure you that, though there is some thirty years difference in age between the editor and your president, there will not be a generation gap in our membership.

As personal physicians, we are highly regarded in all polls taken. Presently we are number one over all other professions. Yet our medical organizations do not achieve the same ratings. This is inconceivable and inconsistent. Why is this so when we are one and the same? My diagnosis is: We fail to give the attention to our medical organizations that we give to our patients. If we wish our organizations to have similar high ratings, we must attend meetings, contribute our expertise, express our opinions and help the ailing organizations as we help our patients.

This brings me to the first of my three objectives, which is to increase attendance by giving you a stimulating program and speakers you will be anxious to hear.

The second objective will be to continue in our past tradition—giving the highest quality medical care in the world and maintaining the excellent health and welfare of our patients without government intervention.

The third objective will be the other side of the coin—health and welfare of the physician without bureaucratic interference.

Once I read this short poem by an anonymous author:

*I shall not pass this way again
Any good thing that I can do
or any kindness that I can show
Let me do it now!
Let me not defer it nor neglect it
For I shall not pass this way again.*

With God's help and yours, I hope to emulate the above.

—William E. Sovik, M.D.
President



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Editorial

GREETINGS

As we begin a new year, it seems appropriate to reiterate the annual invitation for greater participation in the medical society. Unfortunately the past responses appear to have been less than overwhelming.

Indeed, the impression is that most members do not bother themselves with the society at all. This is especially apparent when fewer than twenty percent attend the Annual Meeting and election of officers. The actual governing of the society has been done by the council, yet the recent slate of nominees for office was not challenged in even one single position. This is certainly a nadir for a republican form of governing.

Admittedly, we cannot each be personally available to help shape each society decision, but a democracy of three hundred members should be nearly attainable. Possibly it has become too easy to delegate authority and thereby rationalize not contributing to the society. It is far easier to pay dues but reserve the much more important contributions of time, effort and individual intellect.

In the absence of a strong membership, there is a vacuum in the decision making, and a strong executive council will arrogate more and more authority. If there is to be a medical oligarchy, why bother with the sham of a medical society? Why bother with the large membership rosters? Why bother with committee appointments?

How can participation be expanded? Should membership be dependent on attendance at meetings, as at the hospital staff meetings? This would probably be contra-productive since personal involvement needs to be voluntary. There really needs to be an entire re-thinking and re-dedication on the part of the entire membership. How can we, as a whole, effectively serve the community and help plot the course for the practice of medicine if we are unwilling to participate. This is the level at which we can make ourselves heard.

There have been sporadic episodes of healthy debate at the regular meetings, but not enough to indicate the type of commitment that is needed in the current medical crisis. There seems to be a certain inertia of lethargy and despair in this area. Rather than confront the situation, the consensus seems to be . . . why bother?

In some ways I feel like the radio disk jockey who cries out at three a.m., "Is there anyone out there listening?" If anyone is listening, let's hear what you think.

—James A. Lambert, M.D. Editor

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The Board of Trustees dig ground for the medical school. Dr. Leonard P. Caccamo is at the far left. Dr. Robert E. Tschantz is next to him.

Weather was chilly and skies were cloudy as the caravan of eight buses and a number of private cars left Kent for Rootstown on the morning of Dec. 17th. But when the Board of Trustees stepped forward to shovel the first sod in the ground-breaking ceremony, the sun burst forth—surely a good omen for the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine as ground was broken for the basic Medical Sciences Campus.

Representing Youngstown State University as a trustee was Dr. Leonard P. Caccamo. Dr. Robert E. Tschantz, a past-president of OSMA, was there as a trustee representing Kent State University. Ground-breaking ceremonies were conducted by Dr. Stanley W. Olson.

A number of physicians from Youngstown attended the ceremony and the luncheon which followed at the Kent State campus.

As construction proceeds it will probably be visible to those traveling on interstate route 80. The school property is located on state route 44, just south of 80. The present entrance is directly opposite the Rootstown High School.

A special mention is due the Rootstown High School band, which led the parade of buses back into the construction site and rendered several numbers prior to the official ceremonies.

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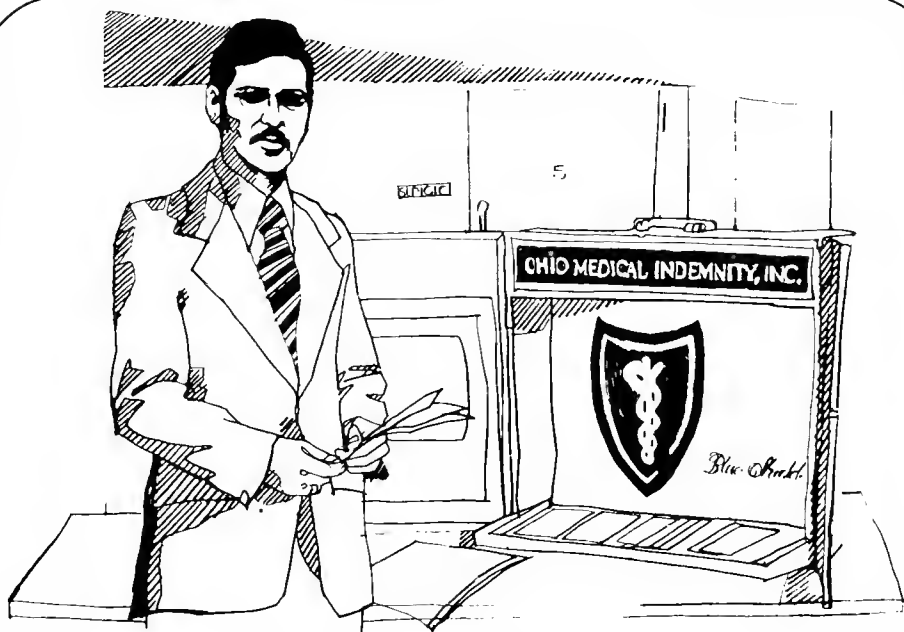
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ELECTIONS, SPEAKER AT ANNUAL MEETING



Dr. Abdu, Mr. Wisneski, Dr. Sovik

Election of officers for 1976 highlighted the annual meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society, Dec. 16th, at the Youngstown Club. Those elected are listed in the center-fold of the *Bulletin*.

Leonard Wisneski, CLU, spoke before a large audience of doctors and their wives on "Loopholes That Backfire — How to Make the Integrated Decision." In presenting an outline for conservation of assets, he concluded by saying, "In the final analysis, plans must be dictated by the indi-

vidual's income level, accumulated assets, individual objectives and existing law. Financial independence should not depend upon the vagaries of chance, whim, or the latest tax loop hole."

Dr. J. M. Cavanaugh and Dr. W. S. Curtis were awarded the fifty-year pin and certificate from the Ohio State Medical Association, in absentia. They were accorded an enthusiastic round of applause.

Ten members were elected to honorary membership: Dr. Ben S. Brown, Dr. Gencvieve Delfs, Dr. I. N. Dombczewsky, Dr. Frank Gambrel, Dr. V. L. Goodwin, Dr. R. J. Heaver, Dr. M. W. Neidus, Dr. G. G. Nelson, Dr. John Noll and Dr. B. M. Schneider. Drs. Goodwin, Neidus, Nelson and Noll are past presidents.

Mr. Wisneski was introduced by Dr. George Dietz, program chairman. Dr. Abdu, president, presided.

INSTALLATION BANQUET IS JAN. 20th

Be sure that you have made your reservation for the Installation Banquet on Tuesday, Jan. 20th at the Youngstown Club. Bring your wife (or husband) for an enjoyable evening with your colleagues. There will be no speakers, but special entertainment is being provided.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Dec. 9, 1975

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1975 at the Youngstown Club.

The following applications for membership were presented by the censors:

ASSOCIATE

Ronald Aiello, D.O.
Masud Ur Rehman Bhatti, M.D.
L. N. Harichand, M.D.
Hyun-Bo Lec, M.D.

ACTIVE

Cesar A. Ariza, M.D.
Guaroa Ariza, M.D.
E. O. Galanternik, M.D.
Raymond W. Jackson, M.D.
James A. Lambert, M.D.
Robert R. Rich, M.D.
Gerald S. Sevachko, M.D.
J. P. Shah, M.D.

The applications were approved. Each applicant will become a member of

the Mahoning County Medical Society 15 days after publication in the *Bulletin*, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time.

Dr. Melnick reported on discussions with a doctor's widow who had been thought to be in need of aid. Due to her reluctance to accept aid at this time, it was decided that no action would be taken at this time.

A phone call was reported from a member wishing to know if Council approves yellow page listing of a physician outside his practice area. He cited the current Youngstown directory which carries listings for at least one Warren doctor and one Steubenville doctor. The motion was made by Dr. Brucoli that the member be informed that in accordance with AMA opinions, Council does not think it ethical to place listings outside the practice area and that the medical societies of these men will be so informed. Motion was passed.

It was noted that the several D.O. members of the Mahoning County Medical Society wish to have their yellow page listings under the M.D. section along with the other members of the Medical Society. Although this concept was approved by the Medical Society, the directory people have informed us that this cannot be done in the upcoming new directory due to insufficient notice (time-wise). A letter will be sent to our D.O.'s informing them of the directory decision.

The motion was made by Dr. Tandatnick, and properly seconded that Council commend Dr. Abdu for the efficient manner in which he conducted meetings of Council and for the meritorious way in which he represented the Medical Society in the community during the past year. Members responded with a rising vote of thanks.

Meeting was adjourned.

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Executive Secretary

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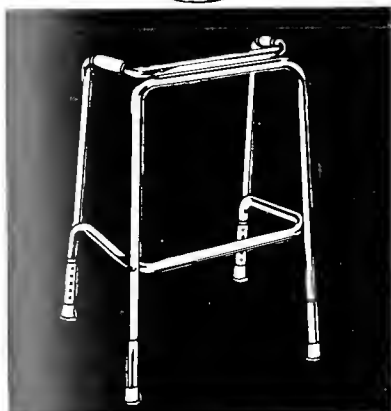
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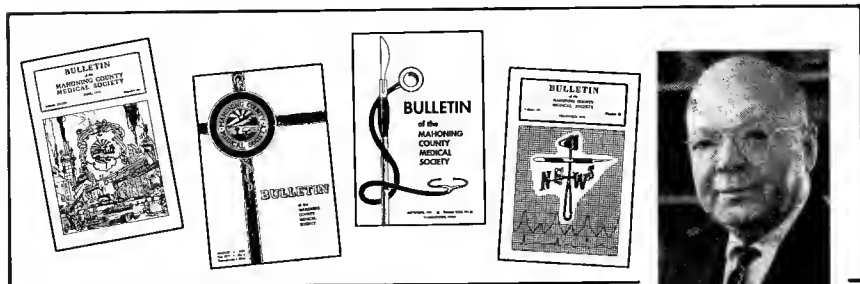
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FORTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1936

The year 1936 marked the emergence from the Depression. We did not know it that January, when President L. G. Coe wrote "Our recent years of depression have so effected all of us, have given rise to such changes and alterations in our economic, social and political viewpoints and philosophies that the expressed wish for a Happy Year carries with it . . . a more poignant meaning than theretofore."

As usual the Secretary (R. B. Poling) complained about the poor attendance at the annual business meeting when such minor business as electing the Society officers was transacted by 64 of the members.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1946

Edward J. Reilly was president and George McKelvey was President-Elect. V. L. Goodwin was Secretary and P. J. McOwen the Treasurer. C. A. Gustafson was Editor and had Mary Herald, new Executive Secretary to help him. Delegates were E. J. Wenaas, John McCann, Bill Skipp, E. C. Baker, John J. McDonough and W. J. Tims.

V. L. Goodwin headed the Program Committee, J. K. Herald was social chairman, Sam Zoss had Post-Graduate Day, John McDonough was in charge of Public Health. DeCicco was Economics chairman, Tims had Public Relations and Getty the Indigent Relief.

There were 232 active members, 5 interne members, 12 non-resident, 6 honorary and 1 associate. Forty-four members were not yet discharged from military service. Eighty-two of the active members were working on committees.

The service records of Major P. R. McConnell, Capt. M. H. Steinberg, Capt. L. H. Moyer, Major S. D. Goldberg, Major Asher Randall, Comdr. Stanley Myers and Capt. O. M. Lawton were published. Captain Barclay Brandmiller arrived home after Christmas but in time for New Years Day.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1956

G. E. DeCicco was President. S. W. Ondash was President-Elect. A. A. Detesco was Secretary and A. K. Phillips was Treasurer. C. W. Stertzbach was Editor of the *Bulletin*.

New active members that month were: A. DiDomenico, W. G. Tobin, J. H. Grove and D. R. Bernat. Interne members were: J. C. Melnick, R. A. Keffler, A. S. Weekly and Richard Stein.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan of hospital and surgical benefits was offered to the members. They were being canvassed to see if the necessary 75 per cent would sign up. They did.

TEN YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1966

Fred Rcsch was President, Harold Reese was President-Elect, Clyde Walter Secretary and M. C. Raupple Treasurer.

Robert L. Jenkins was Editor of the *Bulletin*. The Society had new head-

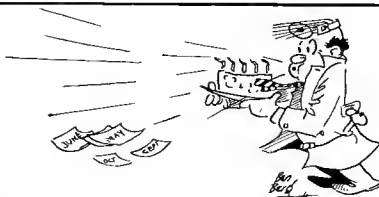
quarters in the Bel-Park Bldg. and Howard Rempes was Executive Secretary.

Jack Schreiber's article "Your Doctor And The A.M.A." was featured in the Saturday Evening Post.

New Members that month were: ACTIVE, Samuel Adornato, Rudolph Basso, Isadore Mendel, Richard S. Richards and William Torok. ASSOCIATE, Alfonso Corso, R. L. Paulino.

—J. L. F.

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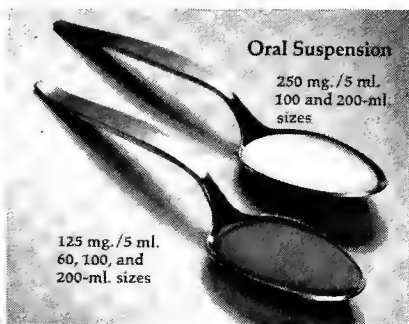
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